COCHIN
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION, 1117

Tuesday, *the* *17th February 1942*
6th Kumbham 1117

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (A. F. W. DIXON Esq., I.C.S.), in the Chair.

Messrs. P. Govinda Menon, Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, L. M. Pylee, T. V. Subramania Ayyar and the Commissioner of Excise were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

PANCHAYATS IN COCHIN—SUGGESTIONS OF THE "MITAVADI"

161. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have seen an article published in "Mitavadi", dated 32nd Karkadagam 1116, on the subject of Panchayats in Cochin, by Kollerithara Narayanan of Edavanakkad;

(*b*) have the Government considered the suggestions contained in that article?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

CO-OPERATIVE DECREES PENDING EXECUTION—PARTICULARS OF

162. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of co-operative decrees which were pending execution with the Tahsildar, Trichur, in the beginning of 1116;

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(*b*) the number of such decrees forwarded for execution from the Co-operative institutions in the course of 1116;

(*c*) whether any decree has been fully satisfied in execution in the course of the year;

(*d*) the number of decrees returned by the Tahsildar to the respective decree-holders in 1116?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) 140.

(*b*) 48.

(*c*) Yes. 5.

(*d*) 7.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Co-operative Department have made observations that the execution work through the Revenue Department is not satisfactory?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether the Government have taken any steps to rectify the delay in the matter of execution?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes, we have requested the revenue authorities to take necessary steps, to expedite execution work. I now call upon the Diwan Peishkar to explain their difficulties fully.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, after the decrees are sent nobody gives us any instruction or assistance in the shape of procuring information as to the properties, etc. Afterwards we ourselves become the decree-holders, executors, etc. That is the reason why there is much delay. If this assistance is forthcoming after sending the decrees to us, pointing out where the properties are, then it will be very much easier for us to go on with the execution much quicker. The point is, we have to go about 276 villages to see where the persons are and where their properties are. All this means delay.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In view of the statement made by the Hon'ble Member for Revenue, is it not better to entrust the whole work of execution to the Civil Courts themselves?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That is a problematical question. I do not feel competent to answer it now.

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